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Today's Weather. It will be partly cloudy, with light and variable winds, changing gradually to northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, it will be hazy, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	Low	High
Amman	15	26
Aqaba	21	33
Deserts	14	26
Jordan Valley	23	33

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 29, Aqaba 35. Humidity readings: Amman 25 per cent, Aqaba 25 per cent.

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O director ives for talks

AMN, Oct. 17 (Petra) - General of the Arab Organisation Alimi Al Banani arrived today for a three-day visit. Mr. Banani will hold talks with officials at the Ministry on the implementation of resolutions of the Arab League conference in Tripoli. Among the topics discussed are the freedom of unions and their rights, dialogues between employers and employees and agreements on trade. Mr. Banani is currently visiting a number of Arab cities which are members of the Arab Labour Organisation.

fat returns in Asia, pares for scow talks

AMN, Oct. 17 (R) - The Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat returned today on an Asian tour which took him to China, North Korea, and Vietnam and prepare to leave tomorrow for Moscow. Mr. Arafat spent three days in the Soviet Union at the head of a five-member team, the PLO paper Falastin Al Thawra reported. It said the visit was aimed to achieve tangible political and military results. Included in the PLO's agenda in Moscow and providing arms and providing weapons to Palestinian refugee camps.

midt back in hospital

AMN, Oct. 17 - (R) West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was discharged from hospital today, four days after being fitted with a heart maker, a government spokesman said. The chancellor was fitted with the device on Tuesday, a day he was taken to hospital after a heart attack. He is expected to be discharged today.

an: 'We have intentions attack Libya'

AMN, Oct. 17 (A.P.) - Sudan has no intentions of attacking Libya and is acquiring only for "defensive purposes," the official Sudanese news agency SUNA said today. "The current measures are only for defence and the arms Sudan will obtain from the United States are defensive as long as Sudan had for a long time ago," the agency said. It also said that Sudan did not intend to attack Libya "or any other country" and called on the Arab League to stop its aggression and pull troops and equipment from the Sudan and respect internal agreements and resolutions, according to SUNA.

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AMN, Oct. 17 (R) - An Italian source said today that forces had retaken a strong-point of Guelta after the biggest battle of the six-year war in the Sahara against guerrillas of the Polisario Front. The source said mopping-up operations were now in progress and guerrilla survivors were fleeing towards the Moroccan frontier. 40 trucks east of the town were given no details of an or guerrilla casualties or the number of troops killed but said it was the first battle since the Polisario launched its fight for independence of the Spanish colony.

Doctors urge 'new page' in Iraqi-Iranian relations

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) - More than 1,000 Arab doctors warned today of the "grave dangers" inherent in the continuation of the Iraqi-Iranian war and called on the Tehran government to "open a new page" in its relations with Baghdad. A statement at the end of the 19th pan-Arab Medical Congress said participants in the three-day annual meeting "warn of the grave dangers resulting from the continuation (of the Gulf war), which will introduce to the region foreign and imperialist intervention under the guise of maintaining the security and stability of the Arabian Gulf and guaranteeing the flow of oil" from the region. The doctors, who represent medical associations in 12 Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, also warned that the 13-month old Gulf war "can produce a rupture in those forces confronting the (alliance) of the Zionist enemy and the partners to Camp David." They called on Iran to "open a new page in Iraqi-Iranian relations, based on mutual respect for the rights of both sides and non-interference in the internal affairs of either side and finding a formula for cooperation between them to face imperialism and Zionism." The doctors, who "emphasise their support for Iraq in its quest to regain its legitimate rights to its waters and territory," called on Iran to "restore to Arab sovereignty" the three tiny Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Lesser Tunb and Greater Tunb, which the late Shah of Iran occupied in 1971. The statement condemned Israel's attack last June on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, which came "in implementation of the imperialist-Zionist policy of checking the progress of the Arabs and keeping them prisoner to scientific, social and economic backwardness." The statement said the congress, sponsored by the Arab Medical Union and the Jordan Medical Association, denounced "repeated Iranian attacks, on Kuwaiti territory." The congress agreed that the United States and Israel constitute the Arab nation's "enemy number one," and called for "the economic and cultural boycott of the United States by all means available," according to the statement. It said the recently-announced "strategic cooperation" between the United States and Israel "renders the Zionist state and arsenal for American weapons with the aim of controlling the Arab region." The doctors condemned "the inhuman practices by the Israeli military government (in the occupied Arab territories) which have led to the grave deterioration of health and medical situation in the occupied Arab territories." They said they would mount a world-wide campaign to "expose" Israel's refusal to allow the establishment of Arab hospitals in Hebron and Gaza. The congress condemned "all attempts to split Lebanon into mini-states that will become toys in the hands of foreign powers." They also condemned renegade Lebanese army major, Saad Haddad, as a "traitor and an agent of imperialism and Zionism," as well as Israel's "barbaric attacks" against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. They viewed with "grave concern" the "deteriorating conditions in southern Lebanon" and called on the Arab states to "protect southern Lebanon and support its inhabitants in their steadfastness against Zionist, imperialist and sectarian schemes against them."

King leaves for talks with Arab leaders

BAGHDAD, Oct. 17 (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Baghdad today at the start of a tour of Arab states to discuss with their leaders the Arab situation, current developments and inter-Arab relations. King Hussein was met at the airport by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, senior government officials and members of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council and cabinet members. The King is accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and Court Minister Amer Khammash. They were seen off at Amman Airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Tarawneh, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouqi, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, ambassadors of Arab countries accredited to Jordan and several senior officials and high-ranking army officers. Before the King's departure, Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent. A royal decree was issued also appointing Finance Minister Salem Masadeh as Acting Prime Minister.



His Majesty King Hussein is seen off at Amman Airport Saturday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and (from left to right) Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Amer Khammash, and Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi (Petra photo)

U.S. credibility is at stake, Reagan defends Saudi deal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (R) - President Reagan says that Senate approval for the sale of American radar planes to Saudi Arabia is essential if the United States is to maintain its credibility in the Middle East. In an interview with newspaper editors issued by the White House today, the president said he was confident that the Senate would approve the sale of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft to the Saudis.

Iran wants Muslim world to unite under Khomeini

BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (Agencies) - Iran today celebrated an important Shiite Muslim day by holding prayers across the country. 'Eid Ghadir, as the Iranians call it, is the day that the Prophet Mohammad designated his son-in-law Ali as his successor to lead the Muslims. In a call to Muslims of the world to unite under the same banner, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, considered Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's heir-apparent, said all Muslims should accept Ayatollah Khomeini's leadership, according to Tehran Radio. Ayatollah Montazeri said he hoped that the Muslims would unite under Ayatollah Khomeini's leadership to "break the hold of the East and West on their countries." He said he hoped the Muslim masses would soon achieve freedom and independence through establishing fundamentalist Islamic rule in their countries. Tehran Radio quoted Ayatollah Montazeri as saying that "the enemies of Islam wanted to separate religion from politics." He said that true Islam does not separate religion from politics.

IRA carbomb injures Royal Marines chief

LONDON, Oct. 17 (R) - The chief of Britain's Royal Marines, who had commanded troops in Northern Ireland, was badly wounded by a bomb which blew up his car outside his London home today. In Dublin, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) claimed responsibility for the attack on Lt. Gen. Sir Stuart Pringle, 53, commandant-general of the Royal Marines. He suffered serious leg injuries. Guerrillas of the IRA are fighting British rule in Northern Ireland in the cause of union with the neighbouring Irish Republic. The blast came only a week after the guerrillas admitted bombing a bus load of soldiers in London, killing two people. Police said the bomb in Gen. Pringle's car appeared to be similar to one used by Republican guerrillas in 1979 to kill Conservative Party Member of Parliament Airey Neave. The bomb ripped the roof off Sir Stuart's car as he drove off. A woman in a nearby house was injured. But the general's dog, with him in the car, was unharmed. An eyewitness said Gen. Pringle was still conscious when he was taken to hospital "but his legs were smashed and he was bleeding from the head." Sir Stuart also served in Malaysia, the Mediterranean, Indonesia, Pakistan and Norway since 1946. Police have been expecting an upsurge of guerrilla activity in Britain since a campaign of hunger strikes by imprisoned Republicans in Northern Ireland ended three weeks ago. Ten men fasted to death in support of demands for political status. Meanwhile in Northern Ireland, a car blew up 30 minutes earlier in the parking lot of a golf course in Newcastle, County Down, south of Belfast. A police spokesman said one man was slightly hurt.

Interior minister cannot remember how many Cairo hauls in 'most of those wanted'

CAIRO, Oct. 17 (Agencies) - More than 1,500 Islamic fundamentalists and other dissidents have been arrested since the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, according to military and diplomatic sources. Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail confirmed today that there had been a "limited" number of arrests, but refused to disclose figures. "I don't remember now," Mr. Ismail told reporters. "We hear some rumours, but don't believe it all. I'll declare the full details within two days." Trouble in Mansoura Police sources in Cairo said there had been shooting incidents involving police in the Nile Delta city of Mansoura last night and this morning, but that the details were not known. The sources said the incidents were reminiscent of initial clashes in the southern city of Asyut last week. Mr. Ismail said of the nationwide sweep for persons considered a threat to the nation's internal security that "most of those we've wanted have been arrested. There are still a minority on the run, but not many... They have begun to turn... we have found their hideouts, their dens, and arms and weapons."

Reagan invokes Bible to rap Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (A.P.) - President Ronald Reagan interprets the Bible as saying that if a war breaks out in the Middle East "then Russia is going to become involved in it," a senator said after meeting with the president yesterday. Sen. Hal Heflin, (Democrat, Alabama), said he and Mr. Reagan took up the subject while discussing the proposed sale of radar warning planes to Saudi Arabia. "Well, we were talking about the fact that the Middle East, according to the Bible, would be the place where Armageddon would start and the president was talking to me about scripture and I was talking a little bit about scripture," Mr. Heflin said. "And we got off - and he interprets the Bible as if in Armageddon then Russia is going to become involved in it," Mr. Heflin said. In the book of Revelation, Armageddon is the site of the last battle between the forces of good and evil before the day of judgment.

Syria to retain forces in Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Oct. 17 (R) - Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas said in an interview published today that Syria would retain its forces and anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon until that country "is freed from all its enemies." He told the government newspaper Tishrin that missiles deployed in Lebanon earlier this year were part of Syria's military measures to defend Lebanon. Syria has had a peace-keeping force of 30,000 in Lebanon since 1976 under an Arab League mandate following the civil war in the country. It installed the missiles in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley after Israeli aircraft shot down two Syrian helicopters in the area. Israel has been pressing for the dismantling of the missiles and threatened to attack the emplacements, but Syria has refused to remove them. Gen. Tlas said in the interview today: "The Syrian armed forces, including the ground-to-air missiles, will remain in Lebanon to defend its unity, integrity and freedom and will continue assuming their sacred pan-Arab duty until Lebanon is freed of all its enemies, both at home and abroad." Gen. Tlas said "the uproar created by the Zionist enemy and the American imperialists (following its deployment of the missiles in Lebanon) was designed to find justifications to step up the aggression and implement plots against Syria..." He said no threats would force Syria to go back on the determination to "strengthen our armed forces."

Meloy's murder suspect released

BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (R) - A young Lebanese was released from detention today after being held for nearly three years on suspicion of involvement in the murder of an American ambassador to Beirut in 1976, judicial sources said. The sources said investigators could not establish any link between Bassam Mohammad Ferkh and the murder of Ambassador Francis Meloy. Mr. Meloy, Economic Counsellor Robert Waring and their Lebanese driver were kidnapped on June 16, 1976, during the Lebanese civil war. They were all found shot dead the same day. The next day the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) announced that it had arrested three unnamed Lebanese who had admitted taking part in the murder. It said they would be handed over to Arab peace-keeping forces in Lebanon, but their fate was never disclosed. Mr. Ferkh, who is now 27, was detained here in November 1978 after being deported from Canada as an undesirable alien.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Libya ready to counter Sudanese threat BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (R) - A Libyan journalist said today his country was ready to defend itself against a threatened suicide attack by 600 Sudanese commandos. The Egyptian newspaper Al Ahran quoted Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri yesterday as saying that the force would attack Tripoli. The political editor of the official Libyan news agency JANA said: "Let the ruler of Sudan try and come over with his suicide squad only to be burned to death and turned to ashes..." Libya would not let the force enter its territory, he added. Al Ahran said it was told by the Sudanese leader that the commando group would leave its mark in Tripoli "and even in the house of (Libyan leader Muammar) Qadhafi."

Moi appeals to Libya, Sudan for restraint NAIROBI, Oct. 17 (R) - Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), appealed to Libya today to exercise restraint in its relations with Sudan. Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has accused Libya of planning to invade his country. Last month Sudan shot down a Libyan aircraft near its border with Chad. In a message released here President Moi said: "It is in the interest of Africa that all necessary avenues for the resolution of this conflict must be explored fully and at any cost." President Moi also sent a message to President Numeiri urging restraint in Sudan's dealings with Libya.

Nixon calls for U.S. aid to Rabat RABAT, Oct. 17 (R) - Former U.S. president Richard Nixon called for increased U.S. military aid to Morocco today after talks with King Hassan. He told a news conference in the central Moroccan town of Fez that Rabat should get extra aid considering its long-standing friendly relations with the United States. "I think that as long as his majesty and the Moroccan government feel the need to defend the country's territorial integrity the United States ought to assist them," he said. Mr. Nixon, quoted by the Moroccan press agency MAP, had been asked about a missile attack on Moroccan planes last Tuesday by Polisario guerrillas who are fighting for independence in the disputed Western Sahara. Mr. Nixon, who left for Paris after a 36-hour visit to Morocco, said he had discussed the Western Sahara, the Middle East and East-West relations with the king at Ifrane near Fez.

ART REVIEW

Two artists of promise

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Oct. 17 — Two new art exhibitions opened in Amman this week, and although the styles of the two artists differ widely -- from the romantic fantasies of Munir Daraz to the impressionistic landscapes of Yousef Baddawi -- both of them are young men of some promise.

Munir Daraz, with five years' artistic studies in his native Egypt behind him, is the more developed of the two. His work often shows a certain dexterous technical ability, seen especially in the sensitive portrayals (self portraits perhaps?) of serious, hauntingly sad young men whose features emerge from clouds of golden mist.

As with de Chirico, whose influence is much in evidence in this young artist's work -- from the classical torsos to Corinthian columns -- Daraz's style bridges the gap between romantic fantasy and surrealism. But unlike de Chirico, Daraz does not capture the numbing emptiness of the silent piazzas, where long evening shadows add to the sense of isolation. Instead his canvases are full to the bursting point with imagery and raw colours.

Faces in bright hues of orange, red, blue and green flow into one another by means of strands of long Raphaellesque hair -- an image the artist uses repeatedly. Figures embrace and faces -- often featureless, like de Chirico's mannequins -- abound. The best pieces, however, are the more subtly coloured, more finely rendered paintings, where certain corners of well painted faces, often combined with the brilliant red, blues and whites of airmail letters and road traffic signs, dominate the whole canvas. Perhaps if the artist could make more of these strong elements he would have something very original on his hands.

Yousef Baddawi is a graduate of Amman's Centre for Music and Fine Art, where his work in the past often outshone that of his contemporaries, with his fine pen-and-ink drawings of the faces

of his countrymen and with small brilliant blue prints of the blocky houses of his environment. However, in this, his first solo exhibition, he does not -- except in three of his oils and some of his sketches -- fulfill the promise of these early pieces.

This is easily explained. First, Baddawi is a young artist still trying to find his own style, and this is what the paintings on show indicate clearly, with their rather wild, uncontrolled application of both water colour and oil paint. There is nothing wrong in this, except that Baddawi should not be exhibiting on his own yet. He should continue to exhibit as he did before -- showing only his best pieces in the group situation -- thus biding his time and building up his reputation until he has enough good pieces for a solo exhibition.

The studies that we see at this present exhibition, these prolific outpourings -- which are totally necessary for the development of an enthusiastic young artist -- should be kept by the artist to learn from.

This is not to discourage Baddawi, only to ask him to wait until all his paintings are as good as "Village on the Top", where subtle tones of orange and yellow emanate light -- something which he captures so well in the "Farmer" and the almost abstract "Volcano".

Yousef Baddawi's work can be seen at the Holiday Inn until Thursday, while the Munir Daraz exhibition runs until the same day at the Jordan Artists' Association. Both artists are also exhibiting some of their best pieces at the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts, starting on Wednesday.

Advertisement for an art exhibition titled 'تحت رعاية سمو الاميره وجدان' (Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Alia). It features a large silhouette of a person's head and a smaller portrait. Text includes 'الفنان المصري منير دراز' (The Egyptian artist Munir Daraz) and 'رابطه الفنانين التشكيليين' (Association of Visual Artists).

French tennis stars to swing their racquets for handicapped

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A taste of Wimbledon will come to Al Hussein Youth City (Sports City) for three days, starting Wednesday Oct. 21, when four French tennis stars play friendly and demonstration matches in aid of handicapped Jordanians.

The team represents the French Tennis Federation, and one aim of their visit is to help the young Jordan Tennis Federation foster national interest in the game. All revenues from the events will go to assist the Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped.

On Wednesday, their first day on the Sports City centre court, the guest players will be engaged in training sessions with junior Jordan Federation players currently under training. Thursday will see them engaged in friendly matches with the three members of the Jordanian team in men's and women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, starting at 2.30 p.m.

The third and last day of the tournament will be attended by their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, and will witness exhibition matches among the French players themselves. These include ladies' and men's singles and mixed doubles. Jordanian juniors will also play among themselves in mixed doubles and men's singles.

The originator of the scheme is Mrs. Michele Harel, wife of the French ambassador to Jordan, who is an avid tennis player. Upon the suggestion of the president of the Jordan Tennis Federation, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz, and Her Highness Princess Majda, president of the Hussein Society, Mrs. Harel approached the French federation, whose vice president came to visit Jordan and responded with great enthusiasm.

Mrs. Harel told the Jordan Times that the four players to visit Jordan were chosen by the president of the French federation for their style and their pleasant personalities in addition to their high ranking in the tennis world.

One member of the guest team who stands out is Mrs. Francoise Durr, 39, who starred at the famous British Wimbledon tournament frequently between 1965 and 1979. Although she now has

her own tennis school in the United States, she continues to be a tennis symbol in France.

The other three players are also prominent in the world of French tennis. Mr. Alain Cassaigne, 32, was the French junior champion at 16, and is now the French women's teams' official trainer.

Mr. Francis Boyer, 26, won the Cote d'Azur junior championship in 1970 and the cup of Candiaez in doubles in 1979, while Miss Ariane Feraud-Prax, 24, this year won the mixed doubles at the Criterium de France.

Their host, the Jordan Tennis Federation, is a young organisation of only two years' standing, but which aspires, with experience, to enter into international competitions.

Mrs. Maureen Staffa, Mr. Hani Al Ali and Mr. Abdullah Al Khalil, three Jordanian team

members, will be engaged in friendly matches with the Jordanian team on Thursday.

The junior members of the federation have been getting the class training from Mrs. Staffa, professional tennis coach, who has given her services voluntarily. Nasri Atallah, a federation member and a tennis player for years, told the Jordan Times that the federation now "has some very promising young players of both sexes".

This summer, six of the training and their coach visited the U.S. the invitation of American tennis clubs, which offered their coaches for training.

Tickets for the tournament are sold for each day at the gate to the centre court of Sports City; but blanket tickets can also be obtained, allowing admission on all three days of the tournament.

Advertisement for 'INTERNATIONAL TENNIS MATCHES' organized by the Jordan Tennis Federation. It features a tennis player in action and text in Arabic and English. The text mentions the patronage of King Hussein and Queen Noor and the celebration of the International Year of the Disabled.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

Large section containing various guides: JORDAN TELEVISION (Channel 3, 6), RADIO JORDAN (855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM), BBC WORLD SERVICE (639, 720, 1413 KHz), AMMAN AIRPORT FOR SUNDAY (arrivals, departures, emergencies, pharmacies), TAXIS, CULTURAL CENTRES, SERVICE CLUBS, MUSEUMS, PRAYER TIMES FOR SUNDAY, LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES, USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS, and MARKET PRICES (vegetables, fruits, etc.).

Handwritten text at the bottom center: 'هنا من المصروف' (Here is the cash).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Pakistan envoy appointed

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A royal decree was issued today approving the appointment of Mr. Majed Al Haj Hassan as Jordan's ambassador to Pakistan.

Tangiers anti-crime conference

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation left for Tangiers today to participate in the 11th Arab conference for mutual defence against crime, which will start tomorrow. During the three-day conference, delegates from Arab states will discuss working papers dealing with the role of Arab information, religious, education and security systems in curbing crime. Jordan's delegation to the conference is led by Mr. Ahmad Al Adayat, under-secretary of the Interior Ministry, who will submit a working paper on the role of Jordan's reformatory institutions in dealing with crime.

Jerash housing planned

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Housing Corporation has decided to carry out a housing project in Jerash. The project entails the construction of 10 buildings to contain 60 flats, each of 110 square metres area. Housing Corporation officials here said. Work on the project, designed to help solve housing problems in Jerash, is expected to commence within the coming two months. The present Housing Corporation is building 180 housing flats in the city of Irbid.

Jordanian dies on Saudi road

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Foreign Ministry has received a cable from the Jordanian embassy in Jeddah reporting the death of a Jordanian citizen Omar Nayef Kokash in a road accident in the Makkah region. The ministry requested the family of the deceased to call at its offices to make arrangements for transferring the body from Tabbuk hospital to Jordan.

Bahraini envoy's term ends

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Jordanian-Bahraini relations are being an example of inter-Arab cooperation, Foreign Minister Hussein Al Qasbi said Thursday at a farewell party for Bahraini ambassador to Amman Salem Al Isa on the occasion of the end of his term of office as ambassador to Jordan. The Bahraini ambassador expressed his appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Hussein, and praised the King's pan-Arab stand in support of fraternal Iraq in its war with Iran.

Photographic history conference set

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Jordan has received an invitation to participate in an international conference on photography in the Arab World to be held at Harvard University in the U.S., in cooperation with the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The conference, to start at the end of October, will discuss the importance of emergency programmes to save old photographs of the Arab World which would be used as documents on modern Arab history.

Maritime training discussed

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Jordanian Seaports Corporation will take part in the board meetings of the Arab Maritime Transport Academy which will open in Al Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates on Monday. The board will discuss a number of issues connected with the development and updating of the academy curricula. Under-Secretary of Transport Ghaleb Anoun left Amman today to take part in the meetings.

Education Ministry opens hotel school

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Ministry of Education's first hotel training college opened in Amman today. Students will receive theoretical and practical training at the Amman Hotel, a ministry spokesman said. He said students will attend a two-year night course, at the end of which they will be awarded their diplomas.

Jurists' association gathers

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The general assembly of the national jurists' association held a meeting today to discuss the association's budget and hear a report on its activities. During the meeting a new administrative board was elected. It is made up of eight members, with Judge Adib Al Halasa as the board chairman. The association, which has 500 members, is a member of the Association of Arab Jurists.

Arab library education seminar

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Jordan will take part in a seminar on teaching of library science organised by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO) in Amman, beginning on Nov. 7. Jordan's delegation to the week-long seminar will be a team comprising representatives of the Ministry of Education, the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University and the Jordan Library Association. The team will submit a working paper to the seminar on the teaching of library science in Jordan. Participants from various Arab states will discuss a number of issues pertaining to Arab library science education and methods of developing teaching methods in this science.

Baghdad labour training course

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Industry received an invitation to participate in a training course on our relations and their influence on economic and social development in the Arab World. The Chamber of Industry has accepted an invitation to industrial establishments in Jordan to send their representatives to this course, which will begin in Baghdad on Dec. 5.

Deir Alla children's centre

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A children's centre has been opened in Deir Alla, to accommodate 100 children in its first year. The centre was opened cooperatively by Deir Alla Municipality and the Ghor university alumni club. Meanwhile, the municipality has also decided to build a new headquarters building at the cost of JD 80,000. Work on the project will start next month.

JD 40 fines for merchants

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Nine Jordanian merchants have been fined JD 40 each by the military court for violating Ministry supply regulations. The military governor today endorsed the sentences.

1,000 pilgrims a day to cross into West Bank

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A total of 1,000 Muslim pilgrims returning home from Saudi Arabia will be allowed to cross the bridges to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip daily, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

It said that the bridges will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The ministry also appealed to pilgrims and other travellers not to go to South Shuneh on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18, 19 and 20, because a multitude of pilgrims have already gathered in the town.

World Bank President Clausen due for four-day Jordan visit

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — The president of the World Bank, Mr. A.W. Clausen, is due here tomorrow for a four-day visit to Jordan. He will hold talks with Jordanian officials on economic issues and cooperation between the World Bank and Jordan. Mr. Clausen will be meeting with officials from the Central Bank, the National Planning Council and the Amman Chamber of Industry, as well as Jordanian businessmen, to discuss scopes of investment in Jordan and the country's economic plans.



Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin addresses the seminar on fruit production in the Arab World on Saturday (Petra photo)

Seminar on fruit production in the Arab World inaugurated

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A five-day seminar to discuss means of increasing the number of fruit trees and their crops in the Arab World opened in Amman today. Taking part in the seminar, called by the Arab Centre for the Study of Dry Regions and Arid Territories (ACDRAT), are delegates from 10 Arab countries. They will discuss several working papers on fruit production, food security in the Arab World, desertification and other agriculture-related subjects. Addressing the opening session, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin called on Arab agricultural specialists to cooperate in developing agricultural production in the Arab World. Also addressing the session were agricultural engineer Mr. Usama Al Bilbeisi, director of the Agricultural Research and Extension Service; ACDRAT Director Mohammad Al Kish, and Dr. Philip Nuseir, director of the horticultural section of ACDRAT, who urged Arab states to exchange expertise and coordinate their research projects in agricultural activities. Countries taking part in the seminar are: Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, South Yemen and Jordan.

Potash co. chief leaves for Kuwait federation meeting, shipping talks

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — Arab Potash Company (APC) Chairman Ali Khasawneh will leave Amman for Kuwait tomorrow to take part in the board meeting of the Arab Federation of Chemical Fertiliser Producers, which will open tomorrow. During the four-day meeting, the board will review the federation's achievements in the current year, and will consider amendments to the federation's bylaws with the aim of promoting the federation's activities and programmes for the exploitation of Arab mineral wealth, Mr. Khasawneh said. He said that the board will also plan the federation's seminars and meetings for the next year, including one that will be held in Amman to discuss the condition of chemical fertiliser industries in the Arab World and to achieve better and more concerted coordination among these industries; and the use of fertilisers to develop Arab agriculture and achieve food security.

During his stay in Kuwait, Mr. Khasawneh will hold talks with Arab Maritime Company officials on cooperation with the Jordanian shipping company. The Jordanian company intends to purchase a number of commercial ships, for use in transporting Jordanian potash and phosphate products and fertilisers, Mr. Khasawneh said.



Social Security Corporation Director General Farhi 'Ubeid addresses a press conference Saturday on the corporation's growth and services (Petra photo)

Social Security coverage nears the 63,000 mark

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Nearly 63,000 workers are now covered by the Social Security Law, Social Security Corporation (SSC) Director General Farhi 'Ubeid announced here today. Eighty-one per cent of these are Jordanians and the rest are of non-Jordanian nationalities, and all are employed in 570 companies and institutions, he said.

Addressing a press conference to mark the SSC's third anniversary, Mr. 'Ubeid said that some 60,000 more employees will be covered by Social Security in the coming two years. These will include government employees who do not fall within the grade classification system and those employed by public institutions, the two Jordanian universities and municipalities, who are expected to be covered next year.

He said the SSC had paid full compensation and pensions to 75 families, and partial compensation for occupational injuries to 3,765 workers, during the past two years. The SSC has invested nearly JD 12 million in leading Jordanian projects, which include the white cement project in southern Jordan, the glass factory, the national maritime company, the Jordan Petroleum Refineries Company and the Jordanian Securities Corporation, Mr. 'Ubeid said. He added that contacts are under way for the construction of an SSC bank for social development, to organise the financing of housing projects, the granting of loans for industrial projects in rural regions and for loans to university students whose families are covered by Social Security.

CAEU budget panel meets

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A committee of experts from eight Arab states charged with drawing up the 1982 budget of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) opened a three-day meeting in Amman today. The CAEU Deputy Secretary General Nasouh Al Barghouti, who opened the meeting, noted the outstanding aspects of the budget, which include among other things several research projects intended to promote the CAEU's general goals. Countries represented on the committee include: the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Libya, North Yemen and South Yemen.

Delhi envoy accredited to Thailand

NEW DELHI, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — Jordanian Ambassador to India Walid Al Durra yesterday presented his credentials to King Bhumipol Adulyadej of Thailand as non-resident ambassador to Bangkok. During the presentation ceremony, King Bhumipol requested Mr. Durra to convey his greetings to His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian people. Mr. Durra also conveyed King Hussein's good wishes to the Thai people.

Industrial fair to start at Yarmouk on Nov. 21

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — Over 170 Jordanian industrial establishments and several government organisations have so far signed up for an industrial fair to begin at Yarmouk University on Nov. 21, according to Amman Chamber of Industry Director Ali Dajani. Mr. Dajani told the Jordan Times today that more industries are still joining the list for the week-long fair, which will be held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein as part of the activities marking the King's birthday. He said the fair — the first of its kind to be held outside Amman — is part of an effort on the part of the Chamber of Industry and other bodies "to introduce our industry as widely as possible to our people." The products and processes of the industries represented will be viewed by residents of the Irbid area at the university's gymnasium. The fair, Mr. Dajani said, is also intended to introduce Yarmouk University students to the progress Jordanian industry has made under the country's development efforts. More such industrial fairs are planned for other population centres around Jordan, Mr. Dajani added.

Swiss team due

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A Swiss trade delegation is due here on Friday for a two-day visit to Jordan. Its members will meet with officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Central Bank, the Royal Scientific Society, the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce and the Amman Chamber of Industry for talks aimed at boosting trade and industrial cooperation between Jordan and Switzerland.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Archaeology Field trip

* To Qasr Al Hallabat, led by Dr. Ghazi Bishah, director of current excavations. Meet at the Registration Centre at 8:30 a.m.

Film

* The French Cultural Centre presents "Quelque Part Quelqu'un" (sub-titled in Arabic), at 7:30 p.m.

Painting exhibitions

* By Yousef Baddawi at Holiday Inn Hotel. * By Munir Abu Al Ula Darraz at the Jordan Artists' Association Gallery.

Book exhibition

* The British Council presents a selection of recent British books on home management, food and nutrition, needlework and dressmaking, child care, secretarial and business studies.

Church service

* Sunday, 8 a.m.: Holy Communion; and 12 noon, morning service at the Church of the Redeemer (C. of E./Anglican/Episcopal) near First Circle, Jabal Amman.

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Weaving the price web

By Dr. Majdi Sabri

IT IS well known that the Jordanian government is committed to accepting the general concept of the free market. Yet it often exerts substantial influence on market forces in some aspects of the economy including a great deal of intervention into the mechanism of the price system.

It has been a common practice for the government in the past few years to issue orders fixing the maximum prices at which certain commodities may be sold. Not surprisingly, the number of goods and services controlled by the government pricing system increased over the years. This, of course, is due to the simple fact that one price fixing breeds another, since prices and costs

of various goods are interrelated.

There is no evidence to suggest that the present price-fixing policy has kept prices down or helped to alleviate harmful effects of inflation. On the contrary there seems to be an overwhelming evidence that even prices controlled by the authorities have occasionally been raised in order to avoid an acute shortage in certain commodities giving rise to a black market.

In the meantime, price rises have not been sufficient to encourage competition or to persuade local producers to increase their output or improve the quality of their goods. Moreover, producers have found in the price-control

policy a good excuse for not raising the wages of their employees, who, consequently, appear to be indirectly subsidising consumers.

In some cases the government decided to keep down the prices of some staple goods by subsidising them out of taxpayers' money. But many Jordanian economists have spoken against these subsidies which are likely to encourage consumption and effectively reduce the amount of funds devoted to productive investment.

The philosophy behind centralised intervention in price fixing is not adequately clear, nor does it appear to be related to a well identified long-term

economic strategy aimed at inducing structural changes in favour of low-income groups.

If price-control policy were adopted to render assistance to low-income groups, it would be possible to argue that there is in existence a much more effective means of achieving this objective. This includes expanding social security benefits, free medical services, tax reliefs, increasing family allowances and, more directly, increasing the minimum wage level.

The government appears to have recognised the disadvantages of the present policy. Early this year, petrol subsidy was abolished and the salaries of civil servants were

increased. But since then no further steps have been taken in this direction.

The role of government should be confined to that of monitoring the market prices and ensuring that all transactions take place under the umbrella of fair trading. However, the government may find it necessary to fix the prices of goods produced or imported by monopolies.

The other alternative is to carry on with the present price-control policy which would eventually lead to a web of price restrictions governed by a centrally administrative system of rationing. This is an alternative that is obviously inconsistent with the philosophy of free enterprise system.

The Last Battle?

IT HAS always been clear that the American leadership needed some shaking up, and a thorough education, before they would be able to deal with issues of the Middle East on a sound, rational and just basis. But the report out of Washington on a recent conversation between President Ronald Reagan and a U.S. senator makes us fear that this president will need a little more help than most.

In the midst of a discussion of the proposed sale of AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia (the senator reported), he and Mr. Reagan started bringing in the Bible — namely, the book of Revelation, whose mystic visions have sometimes been misinterpreted in a way that is, to say the least, unhelpful in the Middle East situation. Distressingly, it seems that Mr. Reagan may have all along been misled by those who see the current Middle East situation in terms of the "Last Battle" of Armageddon, wherein Good confronts Evil — and who see the state of Israel as the former, with the Soviet Union and practically everybody else taking on the role of the arrayed forces of Gog and Magog pitted against it.

The prevalence of such misguided notions in the United States provides fertile ground for the Zionist propaganda machine, though the illusions of previous presidents may have been less far-fetched. The sad fact is that the policies of American governments, while they remain based on illusions — religious or otherwise — are themselves contributing towards the accelerating deterioration in Middle East conditions.

The perception of an approaching "war to end all wars" thus threatens to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. And if the conflagration does come, Mr. Reagan and others will be jolted out of their comfortable sets of assumptions — too late.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Negative U.S. role

AL RA': It is clear that the role the United States played with regard to the Arab issue during the annual meeting of the NATO Council is regrettable since the United States tried to persuade the council to adopt the Camp David agreements as the basis for solving the Middle East issue. It also tried to drive the council towards disregarding the European Economic Community's Venice Declaration.

It is also evident that the U.S. role was not constructive even though the NATO Council refused to adopt the Camp David agreements or adhere to the Venice Declaration. The European NATO members no longer take the Camp David agreements into consideration despite the U.S. pressure.

The NATO Council's decision merely hoped that efforts would be exerted for reaching a just and peaceful settlement in the region. One would not be exaggerating to say that what happened stresses the fact that the United States' clinging to the Camp David process remains the major obstacle in the way of efforts to achieve a just and comprehensive settlement. Consequently, the Arabs must not pin great hopes on the European group. They must concentrate their efforts on effective action which would enable them to deal with their own issue and regain their rights.

Internecine wars

AL DUSTOUR: The Arab Nation pins great hopes on the forthcoming Arab summit conference to clear the atmosphere in order to strengthen Arab solidarity and to enable the nation to face this crucial stage and its grave developments. But what is taking place in the Arab region is ominous.

The exchange of accusations and the massing of Egyptian and Sudanese troops on the Libyan borders and the escalated conflict among Rabat, Algiers and Tripoli over the Western Sahara issue constitute the beginning of a stage when brothers will fight amongst themselves and destroy Arab armies in battles other than the fateful one which they should launch against the Zionist enemy. This grave situation would only serve Israel and the enemies of the Arab Nation.

There is a chance now to contain these dangerous developments, to prevent the clash and to resort to reason for the sake of pan-Arab interests in order to save the region from falling into international polarisation.

We are looking forward to His Majesty King Hussein's tour which will begin in the Gulf states on Sunday. We hope that this tour will be the beginning to an effective Arab action to salvage the situation before it is too late since our decisive battle should be against the Zionist enemy and not amongst ourselves.

Cure to Belgium's ills may lie with bankers

By Giles Merritt

Financial Times news features

BRUSSELS: Belgium is in crisis. Yet the real crisis is not the one that most Belgians have been ruefully pondering since Mr. Mark Eyskens resigned as prime minister. It is much more fundamental. This month the country has been celebrating the 37th anniversary of its liberation. During that time it has been 30 governments come and go, so that it has been hard to tell one crisis from another. And it had been harder still to know which, if any, were seriously posing a threat to Belgium's strength and unity and which were merely the fractious squabbles of unruly politicians.

As it happens, the real crisis that now underlines the latest governmental debacle is not the standard politicians' one. It is a revolt by the bankers and the giant financial institutions that are the backbone of the country.

Their intervention, after years of watching the politicians patiently from the sidelines, has far-reaching implications and makes this latest crisis very different from the five that have preceded it in the last two years.

The country's largest bank, Societe Generale de Banque, has baldly described the government's economic management as "fruitless", and coming from the banking arm of the sprawling Societe Generale de Belgique holdings group that controls the cream of Belgian industry, such language adds up to a good deal more than bankers' irritability.

If it is hard for Belgians to distinguish between genuine crisis and the flurries of political chaos that are such a regular feature of life in Belgium, it is probably even more difficult for visitors to the country to believe that it is in reality serious economic trouble.

Prosperity is something palpable in Belgium. The spacious neatness of Brussels' Zaventem airport presents a marked contrast for the visitor who has come through Heathrow or Kennedy. That international hallmark of affluence is backed up strongly by Belgium's display of visible wealth in the shape of expensive new cars that crowd the roads, chic shops, well-kept houses and the well-

dressed citizenry that fills the capital's many sumptuous restaurants.

But the drive from the airport to the European Commission's Berylamont HQ or to the multinational corporations' office blocks presents a misleading picture of Belgium today.

The former offers the image of a thriving city well suited to being the "capital of Europe". But it is the drab backstreets of once great industrial towns such as Charleroi and Liege that paint the Belgian economy in truer colours.

There, with the collapse first of coal and now of steel, with textiles dying and engineering ailing, Belgium's 10 per cent-plus unemployment rate reaches pockets of 30 per cent and more.

The industrial workers in French-speaking Walloon areas, where the industrial revolution happened at the same time as in Britain, are increasingly idle and angry.

Belgium's problem is that both pictures are accurate. In spite of the country's waning economic fortunes, Belgians' spending habits have not been reined in and the expectations of most people have remained unchanged since the 1960s when Belgium was a principal European magnet for foreign industrial investment. But, the country has not been earning those high incomes throughout most of the 1970s.

Export-reliant industries have been failing as their markets have shrunk, wage rises have outstripped even the Japanese-style productivity increases made every year by Belgian workers and, most worrying of all, capital investment in potential growth sectors has been squeezed to a dangerously low minimum.

The OECD now reckons that since 1973 Belgians have been paying themselves 15 per cent more than they should.

The key to all this is the inherent political instability of the Belgian state. Belgian politics have to marry Left and Right with Walloon and Fleming, for both the Dutch-speaking northern half of the country and the francophone south of Wallonia have political parties representing the conventional spectrum of European politics.

Asyut tranquil but is still virtually deserted

By Paul Eedle

ASYUT, Egypt — The governor of Asyut stood in the bullet-riddled courtyard of his security headquarters and proudly announced that the town was calm.

Along the dusty streets of this shabby provincial capital in southern Egypt, hundreds of police with machine guns guarded government buildings and mosques. Others searched for remnants of the band of Muslim extremists that fought security forces for two days last week.

The town was quiet. Most shops stayed shut and the square outside the grimy railway station, usually thronged with people, cars and horse-drawn taxis, was virtually deserted.

In front of the yellow two-story block of the security headquarters the broad expanse of the Nile flowed slowly north towards Cairo, 400 km (250 miles) away.

Officials said they were confident the extremist group had been eliminated, although police have mounted a nationwide hunt for a handful whom, they say, escaped.

But, in Asyut, where truckloads of steel-helmeted police guarded street corners, there were still indications the group had sympathisers.

A young man told a foreign journalist in a grim undertone: "we will continue our struggle".

He said he and his fellow militants had gone into hiding since last week's battles, in which official accounts say more than 50 people died including 44 police. But they intended to mount further operations, he added.

There was no way to prove his connection with the rebellion "Islamic societies" in a town clamped under virtual martial law, but his comments suggested the optimism of senior local officials needed to be treated with caution.

Abdul Raziq Hassan, president of the University where Muslim fundamentalists have long had a stronghold, had asserted confidently: "I think the prospect is that everything will be tidy now that the extremists have been eliminated."

The young Muslim fundamentalists who attacked the security headquarters and two police stations at dawn a week ago were members of a movement that has swept Egypt's universities and mosques in recent years and may have been connected with last week's assassination of President Sadat.

In June two days of gunfights between Muslims and Christians in a Cairo slum left at least 14 people dead and was cited by President Sadat to justify a sweeping clampdown on religious extremists and political opponents in the weeks before his death.

In itself, that would amount to a game of three-dimensional chess, but Belgian politics are not even that straightforward.

A Flemish Socialist, for instance, bred in the progressive but responsible tradition of Dutch and West German trade unionists, is a different animal from the French-influenced Walloon Socialist whose culture has been shaped by confrontation rather than co-operation.

Add to that the rivalries between the two linguistic communities and bickering over the disputed status of Brussels itself — a largely francophone enclave inside Flanders — and it becomes clear not only why Belgium has so many political parties but also why

In the midst of Belgium's latest political crisis, the country's banks are making it known that they will no longer tolerate what they see as a drift towards economic chaos.

most of them must be represented in government.

The snag is that, because each ruling coalition groups together parties which represent around 80 per cent of all voters, room for manoeuvre is necessarily limited. And even then each coalition eventually proves to contain the seeds of its own destruction.

The shaky compromises that formed the platforms of successive coalitions were adequate enough in the golden years until end-1974 when yearly GNP growth ran at over 5 per cent. They were even viable in a day-to-day sense during the rest of the 1970s when the admittedly bumpy growth curve was averaging around 3 per cent a year.

For 1981 GNP is due to fall by at least 0.5 per cent, and with a whole host of postponed economic decisions now demanding attention, the country's political stalemate is no longer tolerable.

Indeed, according to the rabidly bankers who now talk daily

of a collapse of international confidence in Belgium, a look-alike successor to the Eyskens coalition is not an option.

The price of the banks' grudging co-operation with government until now is a ratio between public debt and the GNP that is approaching Third World proportions and is slowing Belgium's traditionally resilient economy to a crawl.

Belgium's public sector borrowing requirement has shot up from less than 5 per cent of GNP in the early 1970s to 9.4 per cent in 1979, 12 per cent this year and on present trends 16 per cent in 1982. Earlier this year the central bank in its 1980 report put the country's total debt at BFr2,700 billion (about \$73.1 billion) — a hefty BFr750 billion than the government admits.

Private sector industry has been deprived of badly needed risk capital by the state's practice of siphoning ever larger sums out of the domestic capital market and offering unmatchable interest rates for gilts.

Partly to ease that pressure, but largely because the Belgian banks could not cover the state's growing deficits unaided, Belgium was forced two years ago to abandon its policy of never borrowing abroad.

After a modest start, its foreign debt has since then accelerated and now totals BFr270 billion. The borrowing has helped counter-balance the soaring balance of payments deficit, but last year's current account payments gap of BFr175 billion is this year liable to be nearer BFr200 billion.

Belgian bankers are now concerned that the country must treat with creditors who will be a good deal less patient and sympathetic to political paralysis than they have been.

Kredietbank, the go-ahead Flemish bank that is the third largest in Belgium, has of late been suggesting that the devaluation Belgian governments have for some time been resisting may now be a necessary shock tactic, providing it is coupled with a reform of wages indexation to prevent the country's large import

needs from triggering hyperinflation. By no means all Belgian business leaders would accept this, but all agree on the need to cut the country's comfortable living standards and tame public spending.

It was the banks' refusal recently to subscribe more funds to rescue the failing Walloon steel industry, now grouped neatly into a combine called Cockerill-Sambre, that is losing BFr1 billion a month, that led to Mr. Eyskens' downfall. The banks wanted guarantees of past and future loans that amounted to streamlining and jobs losses that the francophone Socialists in government would not accept.

But while the financial institutions, which informally play a vital part in the running of the country, are clearly right in their analyses of the economic problem, they have strayed into unpredictable political territory.

Their revolt is not, of course, an organised conspiracy or even a formal pact. It is a general consensus that Belgium cannot be allowed to continue down the road to what they see as economic perdition.

Internationally minded as they are, some Belgian bankers even point out that more than Belgium's future is at stake, for the country is a linchpin of the EEC and NATO. Yet the financiers' solutions cannot be imposed on democratically elected politicians, while withholding funds risks provoking a shake-up in Belgian politics that might even end in the long-feared break-up of the unitary Belgian state into its Flemish and Walloon halves.

The odds are that Belgians will once again be going to the polls, as they are required by law to do at a general election. In the past elections have solved nothing, indeed they have — as in December 1978 even tightened the deadlock.

Whether this time a new sense of reality produced by the bankers' stance could produce a change in voting patterns remains to be seen. The danger is that, particularly in the case of Wallonia's embittered Socialists whose first priority is to "save" their ageing industrial base, it will instead provoke stubborn defiance.



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The system of fuel production in Brazil: sugarcane to alcohol

Brazil is well on its way to running all its cars on alcohol produced from sugarcane. But Jose Lutzenberger, the nation's leading environmentalist, believes this programme will spread malnutrition, landlessness, poverty and blight across the nation. The programme will benefit Brazil, he believes, only if it is decentralised.

Early this year, Brazil was producing four billion litres (1.1 billion U.S. gallons) of alcohol yearly from 2.5 million hectares (6.1 million acres) of sugarcane. Some 250,000 all-alcohol cars are being built a year, or one car for every 480 Brazilians.

When the PROALCOOL programme finally replaces all trans-

port fuel with alcohol, some nine million hectares will be under sugarcane, or about one-fifth of the nation's arable land.

"PROALCOOL was originally conceived by the sugar barons of Sao Paulo and the northeast," Lutzenberger told a recent energy seminar here. The northeastern sugar plantations have already driven peasants from the land into the big city slums, offering those that remain only arduous, seasonal work for a few months a year at what are virtually starvation wages.

The Commission Pastoral de Terra, a Brazilian Catholic Church organisation, also warns against the proletarianisation of

poor Brazilians on huge sugarcane plantations under PROALCOOL. It urges the government to plan small, decentralised alcohol distilleries, a programme Lutzenberger also favours.

But Lutzenberger warned that growing fuel will inevitably replace growing food. Despite the richness of its soil, Brazil already imports its staple food, black beans, as well as powdered milk from the Common Market and meat from Uruguay.

Brazilian agriculture Minister Amaury Stabile promises that the government will not risk "having to import food to drive our cars." Lutzenberger replies that the cars are owned only by the affluent one-fifth of the population.

The very nature of PROALCOOL, said Lutzenberger, means huge land-clearing projects, such as the Fazenda Bodoquena project in Mato Grosso do Sul which is putting 1,700 square kilometres under sugarcane. This required levelling the same area of a rare forest ecosystem by pulling down the trees and setting them ablaze -- and all this to produce far less than one per cent of the nation's fuel needs.

Such large "monocultures" (areas of only one crop) will need huge doses of chemical fertilisers and insecticides, and there have already been reports of mercury poisonings of sugarcane field hands from mercury insecticides, according to Lutzenberger.

The massive landclearing will add to erosion problems, especially when the projects have to be abandoned as, over the years, they use up the soils' nutrients.

"Entire communities of plants and animals are being irrevocably lost," said Lutzenberger. "In their place are being planted vast monocultures, which are inher-

ently unstable. Most don't last five years and require massive doses of biocides and fertilisers that pollute rivers and lakes and kill wildlife."

The distilleries discharge 10-16 litres of effluent water for every litre of alcohol produced, and if this untreated "stillage" is emptied directly into a river it can kill all life there.

After some cases of large fish kills, the Brazilian government now claims that river pollution from PROALCOOL is completely under control. American engineers who have visited Brazilian distilleries say there are still isolated cases of discharge into rivers, and Lutzenberger said that such dumping is still common throughout the nation.

All this aside, alcohol cannot by itself solve Brazil's fuel problems. The nation has few railways, so almost all goods are transported by trucks which run on diesel. And while alcohol can be used instead of gasoline in cars it cannot be substituted for diesel. When diesel is made from imported crude in Brazil's refineries, gasoline must also be produced due to the nature of the refining process.

"Brazil is exporting gasoline made from imported crude. We will have to export more gasoline or export alcohol, or both. It sometimes seems as if this was the real aim of the programme," Lutzenberger said. However, diesel could be replaced with certain vegetable oils, he added, and Brazil is actively growing sunflower and other oil crops. Jose Lutzenberger is suspicious of the motives behind the alcohol programme, which he believes will benefit big business rather than the people.

Changing from a diesel truck fleet to an alcohol fleet would be

wonderful for the automotive industry which would build the new vehicles, but would ruin the tens of thousands of private truckers who haul the nation's goods and who would not be able to afford the switch. Lutzenberger

argued. Despite all of this, Lutzenberger is not against Brazil's producing its fuel from sugarcane. But he wants the programme decentralised. At present all the alcohol is produced centrally in

big distilleries, and small-scale production is discouraged. "There need be no energy crisis in a country the size of Brazil, but we do have a crisis in our models," Lutzenberger said.

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The first cars running on alcohol at the Furnas Hydroelectric plant, Brazil. (Photos by GAMMA)

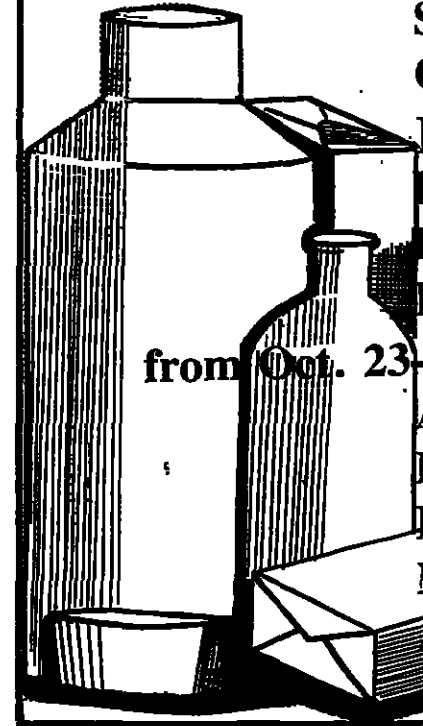
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ECONOMY

\$3b Arab insurance group inaugurated

BAHRAIN, Oct. 17 (R) — A new three billion dollar Arab Insurance Group (ARIG), set up by Libya, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, will be run on commercial and not political basis, its Chairman Fawzi Musaad Al Saleh said today.

"There is no place for politics in ARIG business," he told a press conference after the company's formal inauguration attended by Bahrain Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Western insurance firms have said that the ARIG's formation was prompted by a decision—later reversed under Arab protest—of Lloyd's of London in 1979 to impose war risk premium on ships entering the Gulf.

Lloyd's Chairman Peter Green, invited for the inauguration, told Reuters ARIG posed a competition to the whole Western world.

"But it is nice to see a new company which has been set up with

plenty of capital behind it. This, I think, is necessary today because the risks are getting so big," he said.

Mr. Saleh said in his inaugural speech that ARIG, based in Bahrain, was committed to promoting better understanding with the world insurance community and would hold an international conference each year to eliminate common problems through exchange of views.

Insurance business volume in the Gulf was growing, Mr. Saleh said, adding that ARIG's services would be badly needed when the West was through with its economic recession.

He said ARIG decided on the three billion dollar capital "to back up our word with a huge capital and to build up a tradition of meeting claims."

Reagan, Mitterrand to meet before summit

PARIS, Oct. 17 (R) — President Francois Mitterrand left today for the United States for talks with President Reagan before they join other world leaders at an economic summit in Mexico next week.

The talks in Williamsburg, Virginia, are sure to focus on the strongest point of accord shared by the Socialist French leader and the conservative American — their belief in the threat from an expansionist Soviet Union.

But in preparing for the North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico, they are certain to differ sharply over Third World aid and policy towards leftist guerrilla movements in Latin America.

France is expected to side broadly with developing nations at the Cancun summit while the U.S. is likely to resist Third World calls

for a new world economic order.

Mr. Mitterrand has pledged France to give greater economic aid to Third World countries and has called on other industrial nations to follow suit. But Mr. Reagan said recently that private investment was the best approach.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

OPEC aides to attend Cancun summit

CANCUN, Mexico, Oct. 17 (R) — Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, will attend next week's summit between rich and poor nations in this Mexican resort, the Saudi ambassador to Mexico has announced.

Ambassador Mohamed Charara told Reuters last night that separate talks with other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) attending the conference could not be ruled out. He would not elaborate.

The other OPEC countries due to arrive here for the October 22 and 23 meeting are Algeria, Nigeria and Venezuela. The OPEC President, Dr. Subroto of Indonesia, is also expected.

OPEC countries are divided over how much to charge the world for their oil and are not expected to reach agreement before their next full meeting on December 9 in Abu Dhabi.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said in Caracas on Wednesday it was possible a special meeting of the 13 OPEC members would be held as a result of discussions in Cancun.

Other aid recipients were Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Indonesia, and (north)Yemen Arab Republic.

The bank, which does not charge interest under its Islamic charter is the financial arm of the 42-member Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO), also based in Jeddah.

Uranium, thorium found in Egypt

CAIRO, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Surveys conducted jointly by U.S. and Egyptian experts have revealed the existence of large deposits of uranium and thorium, both radioactive chemicals in Egypt, the Al-Ahram newspaper reported today.

The authoritative newspaper said aerial surveys had uncovered seven thousand spots in which thorium and uranium deposits existed.

It said 50 such areas could be excavated for uranium and four had already been designated for extracting uranium for industrial purposes.

U.S. oil imports down 11.7%

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — The government reported yesterday that U.S. imports of crude oil and petroleum products fell 11.7 per cent in the four-week period ended Oct. 9 from the comparable period last year.

Imports averaged 5.4 million barrels a day during the period, excluding imports designated for the government's strategic petroleum reserve that holds oil as insurance against a disruption in world supplies, the department of energy said.

Also in its latest report on petroleum supplies and imports, the department said crude oil stocks stood at 379.3 million barrels Oct. 9. That's a drop of 0.7 per cent from supplies on the same date last year.

The decline in petroleum supplies is due in part to a sharp drop off in refinery operations.

The American Petroleum Institute stated yesterday that U.S. refineries operated at 68 per cent of capacity in September, down from an operating rate of 74.1 per cent in September 1980. For the first nine months of the year, refinery utilisation has fallen 9.1 per cent, the institute said.

Gulf aides discuss industrial cooperation

BAHRAIN, Oct. 17 (R) — Experts from six Gulf oil producing states began talks in Riyadh today on ways of promoting industrial cooperation between their countries, which established the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) five months ago, the Saudi press agency reported.

The experts, who represent Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar, will draw up recommendations for a meeting of their industry ministers scheduled for Monday, the agency said.

The ministers have been asked to discuss how to implement industrial cooperation under an agreement approved in September and regarded as the first practical step to integrate the economies of the six states.

They will submit their findings to GCC's next summit in Riyadh on November 10.

Full details of the agreement have not been disclosed, but Gulf officials have said it covers oil policy, industry, trade, finance, transport and guaranteed the free movement of people, goods and capital between the six.

Lebanon raises petrol price by 36%

BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (R) — The price of petrol in the Lebanon will go up by about 36 per cent on Monday, Lebanese Industry and Oil Minister Mohammed Beydoun said today.

He told a press conference that petrol would cost 30 pounds (\$6.6) for 20 litres, compared with 22 pounds (five dollars) at present.

The price of kerosene will also go up by 20 per cent, from 20 pounds (\$4.4) to 24 pounds (\$5.3) for 20 litres.

The minister said the move was due to a big deficit in the Lebanese fuel subsidies fund totalling about 1.65 billion pounds (\$366 million) until the end of September.

IDB to lend \$73m to 11 states

BAHRAIN, Oct. 17 (R) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank is to extend \$73.4 million in credits to 11 member states to finance development projects or to import oil, the bank said today.

The biggest allocation, \$30 million, was made for the Senegal River development project designed to benefit Mali, Mauritania and Senegal through construction of dams to boost irrigation and hydro-electric power.

South Yemen, Niger and Bangladesh received a total of \$30 million to pay for imported crude oil or refined products.

Tin price to increase by 7%

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 17 (R) — The world's major tin producers and consumers today agreed to a price increase of nearly seven per cent after three days of tough bargaining, delegates at an International Tin Council meeting (ITC) said.

The producers — Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Bolivia, Zaire, Nigeria and Australia — had originally pressed for a 12.5 per cent increase, but agreed to a compromise, they said.

After the last price rise in March last year, producers were pressing for a further increase at the meeting here because of what they said were soaring production costs.

The consumers' initial offer was a 4.5 per cent increase.

Today's agreement raises the price band for the International Tin Agreement (ITA), which aims to stabilise prices within a set range by unloading or removing tin from the market through a central buffer stock.

Delegates said that by no means all the seven producers and 22 other nations represented were pleased with the outcome, with the European Economic Community (EEC), collectively the largest consumer, still divided on the scale of the increase.

"We are not saying we are satisfied, but it was the best we could get," one producer-country delegate said.

The next meeting of the ITC, the body which regulates the international tin trade under the ITA, is set for next January.

The EEC told the conference it hoped recent speculative buying on the London and Penang tin markets, which had driven up tin prices by 20 per cent since mid-July, would not continue to jeopardise the functioning of the new price band, delegates said.

"We think that with this level of increase we have stopped such operations from being profitable," one consumer source said.

India invites bidders for oil search

NEW DELHI, Oct. 17 (R) — The government will invite fresh bids from foreign oil companies to explore restructured drilling areas in India after it signs contracts with some companies next month.

Petroleum Minister Prakash Chand Sethi said yesterday.

India invited oil companies to explore 17 offshore and 15 onshore blocks last year on a production-sharing basis.

The government expects to finalise contracts by the middle of next month with the companies that tendered, Mr. Sethi said.

But only seven or eight companies out of 35 shortlisted for oil prospecting had submitted final bids, the minister told a press conference.

Once contracts with these companies were signed next month, the government proposed to call fresh tenders and offer restructured blocks to bidders.

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English cricket tour to India still in dilemma

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — English cricket officials today said there was no question of removing Geoff Cook and Geoff Boycott from the England party to tour India later this year. The Indian government yesterday was reported to be considering refusing admission to the two England players, both of whom have played in South Africa.

If Boycott and Cook were not allowed entry to India, England would have no option but to call off the tour. Donald Carr, secretary to the England and County Cricket Board, said that the England team had been approved by the Indian authorities some weeks ago, but that the Commonwealth experience in Melbourne might have changed attitudes. He was against removing the

two players from the team. "I certainly cannot anticipate anything of that sort," he said. It has been rumoured here that England will attempt to organise a tour to New Zealand if the Indian tour falls through. Geoff Cook said: "of course I am bitterly disappointed but I am particularly sorry for cricket and for everyone this business affects. It would be a tragedy if there was a major split between the test

playing countries. "I don't regret going to play for eastern province in South Africa. I just saw it as part of my career." Meanwhile, an Indian government spokesman said today, he could not confirm or deny reports that England's cricket tour of India will be cancelled. "When an official decision is made known it will be officially announced," the spokesman added.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported yesterday that the tour was actually off, and the United News of India (UNI) quoted informed sources as saying it would not be allowed unless Boycott and Cook were dropped. The government spokesman quoted as saying: "I have no instructions on this. I can neither

confirm nor deny news agency reports on the subject."

A decision on the issue, which could affect relations between Britain and India, was originally expected to be made known before Prime Minister Indira Gandhi leaves on an overseas trip tomorrow. It is expected to be made personally by Mrs. Gandhi who is visiting Romania before attending the Cancun Summit in Mexico. She will have a day in London on Oct. 25 on her way back to Delhi.

Mrs. Gandhi is a strong supporter of the front line African states against South Africa and India abides by the 1977 Gleneagles agreement between Commonwealth countries which discourages sporting links with South Africa.

Ambitious China to face Kuwait to enter World Soccer Cup finals

PEKING, Oct. 17 (R) — China's ambition to appear in the World Cup Soccer finals for the first time in Spain next year will be dealt a severe blow if they fail to beat Kuwait at the Worker's Stadium here tomorrow.

China gleaned only one point from their two matches against New Zealand in the Asia-Oceania final playoff group and badly need to win tomorrow.

A crowd of 63,000 and a live television audience of 100 million are expected to watch the match in the country with the world's largest population.

Kuwait revived their hopes of going to Spain by beating New Zealand 2-1 in Auckland a week ago. They have been in Peking for five days to acclimatise to the cool autumn weather.

Hussein Youssef, the Kuwaiti team supervisor, is confident his

team can win and maintain their unbeaten record in qualifying games. They won their three preliminary group matches before beating New Zealand.

Saudi Arabia completed the final playoff group which will send two teams to Spain.

Latest standing:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
New Zealand	3	1	1	1	3
Kuwait	1	1	0	0	2
China	2	0	1	1	1
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0

Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A872 ♥AQJ1073 ♦83 ♣8
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Don't bid a timid four hearts. Despite the fact that partner could do no more than make a simple raise, your hand has slam potential. If partner has the right minimum, you could easily be cold for twelve tricks. Your hand rates one move, and the obvious one is to bid two spades. If partner makes no constructive move over that effort, you can still settle for four hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠QJ7 ♥A10763 ♦Q8 ♣A104
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
4 ♠ Dble. Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner's double is not intended purely as takeout—at this level it shows a good hand. If he wanted to force you to bid, he could have ventured four no trump. Certainly, you might have a slam if partner has the right hand but there is no simple way to find out. Pass. You should collect a substantial penalty from four spades doubled and you are still a heavy favorite to win the rubber.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q762 ♥A1097652 ♣86
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♠ 4 ♥
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—We have no reason to expect that we can defeat an opposing slam even if partner leads a diamond, so we intend sacrificing at six hearts. However, it costs us nothing to bid six diamonds en route. That lead-directing bid should enable partner to get off to the right attack should

the opponents heedlessly continue on to a grand slam.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQJ72 ♥KQ843 ♦K6 ♣Q
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—We cannot conceive of a hand where partner would bid this way without, at least, two aces. Therefore, this is a perfect hand for the Blackwood convention, since you must be safe at the five-level. Your final contract will depend entirely on how many aces partner shows in response to your inquiry, and it could be anywhere from five spades to seven spades.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J982 ♥75 ♦AK3 ♣AJ76
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Your hand has just improved a little. While the point count might be minimum, your values are all prime, which is excellent for suit play, and you have a fourth trump. In addition, your doubleton heart in partner's "game-try" suit is another plus. We would bid four spades.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A109 ♥KQ93 ♦AQ104 ♣104

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Your hand is just worth a raise because of the body given it by your tens and nines—those soft values are very important for no trump play. Partner may have 9 or 10 points for his no trump response, so the combined holding could be enough for game. Invite with two no trump.

Mother rejoices as daughter wins Lynda Carter tennis semifinals

DEERFIELD BEACH, Florida, Sept. 17 (A.P.) — Third-seeded Sylvia Hanika defeated Vossie Casals and No. 4 Pam Shriver beat Anne White yesterday to reach the semifinals of the \$125,000 Lynda Carter tennis classic.

Hanika rallied from 0-3 and 2-5 deficits in the first set to stop the 33-year-old Casals 7-5, 6-4, as her mother, Luise, on a visit from West Germany, watched her play.

Shriver required only 50 minutes for a 6-2, 6-1 win over White, who turned pro only six months ago.

Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd played 18-year-old Bonnie Gadusek and Andrea Jaeger, the No. 2 seed, faced Anne Smith in quarterfinal matches yesterday night.

Casals, leading 5-3, was within two points of winning the first set, but Hanika, who unleashed an array of passing shots, won the next four points to turn the tide. A double fault and two forehand errors by Casals gave Hanika the opportunity. Hanika went on to win two straight games and won the second set with a service break in the ninth game.

Swansea tops English First Division football match first in 57 years

LONDON, Oct. 17 (R) — Swansea today became the first Welsh club to reach the giddy heights of the top of the English First Division for 57 years.

While they were coming from behind to win 2-1 at Stoke, leaders Ipswich stumbled to a 2-1 defeat away to Everton.

Football Association (F.A.) cup holders Tottenham continued their impressive run with a 2-0 win at Sunderland which hoisted them into second spot.

But neighbours West Ham gained no reward from their afternoon's toil. Their 3-2 defeat away to champions Aston Villa cost them a 26-match unbeaten run in the league, stretching back to last December.

Former England international Bob Latchford, Swansea's bargain buy from Everton, was again the toast of the Welsh club. His 79th minute winner took Swansea's points tally to 22. Tottenham have 21 and Ipswich 20.

Swansea's hopes of elbowing Ipswich from the top looked slim when they fell a goal behind in the 35th minute. But a great second half comeback brought them goals by Stanley and Latchford.

THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Because of planetary influences you could run into some problems of a minor nature early in the day, but conditions return to normal later. Conserve your energies.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to understand the expectations of those who have power over your affairs today. Gain more prestige in public matters.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Morning is fine for studying new interests and making plans for the future. Show more thoughtfulness for others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Finish that work you started and then be off to the fascinating activities that appeal to you. Sidestep an opponent.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can work out a difficult problem with the help of others early in the day. Plan the new week wisely.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Attend to routine chores early in the day so you'll have time for social activities later. Show others you have poise.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Daytime hours are best for being with good friends and relatives, and reserve personal duties for the evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pay more attention to family members and have more harmony at home. Make plans to have more abundance in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take those extra steps that are needed to gain your personal aims. Sidestep one who likes to impose on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to please close ties today instead of worrying about personal affairs. Engage in favorite hobby.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Daytime hours are best for handling personal matters. Schedule social activities for the coming week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care of private affairs early in the day and then join congenials at recreation you enjoy. Have a delightful time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You need to apply yourself more to gain your personal aims at this time. Show more consideration for the one you love.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who will want to please others and will be willing to obey all rules and regulations in order to do so. Direct education along entertainment lines and service to others for best results in lifetime.

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35 Shed
36 George Wilson's anathema
40 "30" to a reporter
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42 Solar disk
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45 Cuts
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49 Nautical word
52 Caroled
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24 Downspout origin
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WORLD

Pravda analysis criticises French socialist governmental policies

MOSCOW, Oct. 17 (R) — In the first detailed Soviet analysis of French policy under Francois Mitterrand the Communist Party newspaper Pravda today expressed grave doubts over the course followed by the Socialist president in foreign affairs.

A lengthy article by Pravda's editor-in-chief Viktor Afanasyev, who is also a high-ranking party official, indicated particular concern over Mr. Mitterrand's views on nuclear weapons in Europe. Pierre Mauroy now "rejects the policy of neutralism and in every way possible stress their allegiance to the Atlantic alliance."

He criticised them for not condemning U.S. plans to produce the neutron weapon and said Mr. Mitterrand's attitude towards new American nuclear missiles in Europe had evoked "puzzlement". The French socialist leaders have been among Washington's strongest supporters over planned deployment of Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe to counter Soviet SS-20 rockets aimed towards the West.

The article clearly indicated that Moscow now feels its deep reservations of Mr. Mitterrand—hinted at before his election last May—have been fulfilled. Mr. Afanasyev is a full member of the Soviet policy-making central committee and his article, the second in a two-part series on France under Mr. Mitterrand, clearly represented Kremlin views.

Greece awaits polls to turn left or right

ATHENS, Oct. 17 (R) — Greece's Conservative government and its Socialist challengers today both forecast victory for themselves when the country

Mitterrand and his Prime Minister disarmament—remarks that hinted at Moscow's regret that French Communists in government were wielding little influence over foreign policy. The Pravda article described Mr. Mitterrand's attitude towards Israel as "rather contradictory" saying he had shown open sympathy for Israel while condemning its attack on the French-built atomic reactor in Iraq.

Reagan aide says missile war risks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (R) — One of President Reagan's top defence advisers has said that the administration's new nuclear defence programme made atomic war more likely.

Mr. Afanasyev said that despite earlier pledges to work for the dismantling of military blocs Mr. Mitterrand and his Prime Minister disarmament—remarks that hinted at Moscow's regret that French Communists in government were wielding little influence over foreign policy.

Thatcher sticks to monetarism

BLACKPOOL, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yielded nothing to her critics in the ruling Conservative Party, commentators agreed today as they summed up after the party's annual conference here.

Zimbabwe restricts movements of diplomats

SALISBURY, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Zimbabwe has ordered restrictions on the movement of diplomats and the size of embassies and consulates, it was disclosed here today.

Dutch queen appoints two mediators

THE HAGUE, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Queen Beatrix today appointed two economy professors, to mediate in the Dutch government crisis.

60 trapped miners feared dead in Japan

YUBARI, Japan, Oct. 17 (R) — Poisonous gas, fire and dense smoke today stopped rescuers reaching the bodies of 60 men trapped 650 metres underground in a mine disaster.

Greek community in Turkey on the wane

ISTANBUL, Oct. 17 (R) — While Greece votes in a general election tomorrow, a handful of elderly Greeks will gather for worship as usual in the gloomy, con-lined church of St. George in Istanbul.

El Salvador factions ready for talks, U.S. senator claims

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (R) — A U.S. senator has said that both prominent Christian Democrats in the El Salvador government and anti-government guerrilla leaders were willing to hold informal talks with no preconditions.

Judges withdraw from Turkes trial

ANKARA, Oct. 17 (R) — The trial of extreme right-wing politician Alpaslan Turkes, charged with trying to set up a dictatorship, was adjourned here yesterday after two of the three military judges resigned.

Rev. Moon guilty of tax-evasion

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (R) — The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean Evangelist whose two million-strong Unification Church has stirred controversy around the world, has been indicted by the U.S. government on tax evasion charges.

Science gets around to Arthur C. Clarke

By Granville Watson
COLOMBO — Space exploration caught up with Arthur C. Clarke, the doyen of science fiction writers.

Nancy Reagan in fancy dress



This 1981 Alfred Gescheidt/1981 The American Postcard Co. Inc., postcard shows Nancy Reagan as a queen.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bruno Kreisky won't attend Cancun

VIENNA, Oct. 17 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has cancelled plans to attend the North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico, upon the advice of his doctors, his private secretary has announced.

U.S., Brazil talk on uranium supplies

BRASILIA, Oct. 17 (R) — The United States and Brazil have come to a "satisfactory understanding" on the supply of enriched uranium for Brazil's nuclear power programme, a foreign ministry spokesman has said.

France rejects torture allegations

PARIS, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — The French government has "most categorically rejected" accusations that four Armenian terrorists arrested after seizing the Turkish consulate in Paris had been tortured, a spokesman of the external relations ministry said.

Khmer Rouge claims ambush of Soviets

BANGKOK, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — The ousted Khmer Rouge regime has claimed its guerrillas killed or wounded Soviet advisers in a recent ambush along Cambodia's Highway Four which links the capital of Phnom Penh with the country's major seaport.

